

DRUG BASED ON STEM CELL STUDIES BRINGS HEALTH

Three years ago Theresa Blanda was too sick to work. Her blood disease forced her to use a walker to move around. A bone marrow transplant was her only hope for a cure.

Bone marrow transplants are risky and expensive—the procedure costs roughly \$250,000.

Today, she's back at work.

Blanda participated in a trial for a drug initially discovered through work by CIRM grantee Catriona Jamieson at the University of California, San Diego. The drug, co-developed by the San Diego-based company TargeGen, Inc, treated her pre-leukemic disease and took her off the bone marrow transplant list.

